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1. U.S. Appln No. 08/789,995

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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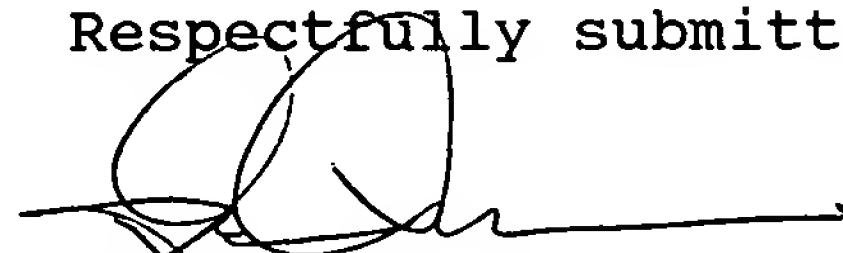
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